



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

**County of Los Angeles**  
**Sheriff's Department Headquarters**  
**4700 Ramona Boulevard**  
**Monterey Park, California 91754-2169**



August 2, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT**

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Current</u>	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,090	68%	1,875	28%
Analyzed SAKs	1,940	32%	4,848	72%
<b>Total SAKs</b>	<b>6,030</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,723</b>	<b>100%</b>

Since beginning this project, an additional 693 Pre-11/01/2008 SAKs have been received from outside agencies and have been added to the backlog for an initial total of 4,804 unanalyzed SAKs. As of July 20, 2010, a total of 4,510 untested SAKs (94 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. For the month of July, a total of 313 SAKs were outsourced. The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	1,789	62%
Negative Biological Material Screen	1,119	38%
<b>Total Results Received</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>100%</b>

*A Tradition of Service*

Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

<i>Unknown Suspect</i>	153	9%
<i>Known Suspect</i>	639	35%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	475	27%
Uploaded to CODIS	522	29%
<b>Total Positive Biological Material Screen</b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the 11 current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through July 2010

Month	\$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grants	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Monthly Totals
<b>September</b>	\$0	\$302,172	\$16,599	\$18,923	<b>\$337,694</b>
<b>October</b>	\$150	\$201,770	\$9,964	\$22,610	<b>\$234,494</b>
<b>November</b>	\$65,201	\$73,880	\$0	\$50,592	<b>\$189,673</b>
<b>December</b>	\$10,900	\$159,305	\$0	\$0	<b>\$170,205</b>
<b>January</b>	\$6,900	\$148,469	\$0	\$5,159	<b>\$160,528</b>
<b>February</b>	\$2,616	\$47,852	\$0	\$9,811	<b>\$60,279</b>
<b>March</b>	\$57,241	\$199,003	\$0	\$32,837	<b>\$289,081</b>
<b>April</b>	\$0	\$260,172	\$0	\$0	<b>\$260,172</b>
<b>May</b>	\$0	\$304,989	\$0	\$0	<b>\$304,989</b>
<b>June</b>	\$0	\$135,274	\$619	\$0	<b>\$135,893</b>
<b>July*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$143,008</b>	<b>\$1,832,886</b>	<b>\$27,182</b>	<b>\$139,932</b>	<b>\$2,143,008</b>

\* No invoices submitted due to close out of FY 2010

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, five individuals were selected from the current certification list. Four individuals have begun employment as criminalists and the other selection is undergoing background investigation. An individual has been selected for the supervising criminalist position.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau currently has 643 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue, for testing and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status


	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	112	45	157
Pending Assignment	24	462	486
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>643</b>

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 221 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 221 cases, 168 are currently under investigation. Fifty-three cases are closed: 7 resulted in criminal filings (2 of these were related to the processing of the SAK backlog elimination project), 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 1 Non-Detained petition (minor subject) was filed, 32 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 11 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted. One case was referred to another law enforcement agency.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,



LERROY D. BACA  
SHERIFF